

REMARKS

The office action of May 9, 2008, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Furthermore, claims 1-6 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In view of the Examiner's rejection of the claims, applicant has amended claims 1 and 6.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims to address the instances of indefiniteness pointed out by the Examiner.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

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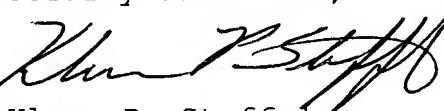
It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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